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RECRUITMENT UNDER SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether approval has been given to both men and women eligible for service under Short Service Commission (SSC) in the flying Branch of the IAF;

(b) if so, the reasons for allowing the male to be recruited in Short Service Commission (SSC) in the IAF`s Flying Branch;

(c) the extent to which the shortage of pilots in the flying Branch of the IAF will be met by allowing male to be recruited in Short Service Commission;

(d) the total shortage of Pilots in the IAF flying branch and the time by which it is likely to be met;

(e) whether the term of engagement of SSC officers in the flying branch has been revised to 14 years with no extension; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor and the term of engagement followed previously?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. In view of the shortage of officers in the Flying branch of the Indian Air Force (IAF), the Government has recently approved proposal to make men eligible for recruitment under Short Service Commission (SSC) in the Flying branch. The women were already eligible for recruitment under SSC in Flying and some other branches.

(c) The inductions made under the revised scheme would be done in a phased manner commencing from January, 2008.

(d) Presently the total shortage of pilots as on 2nd July, 2007 is 683. These vacancies shall be filled up as per normal procedure.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The revision has been done in order to ensure optimal utilization of the services of these trained pilots in the IAF.

The term of engagement followed previously was 10 years with one extension of 4 years.